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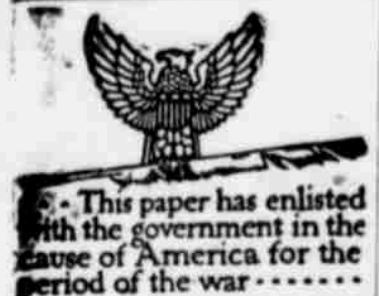
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with the government in the
cause of America for the
period of the war.....

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**ITALIANS KILL TWO AUSTRIANS
AND ESCAPE FROM PRISON
CAMP.**

Rome June 20.—After five months
of captivity in the famous concentra-
tion camp at Mauthausen, Lieutenant
Salvatore Farina of Turin has reached
home.

He planted the tricolor on the
summit of Mount San Gabriel, com-
manding a company of the Arditi
(Valente). After fighting all day he
was gravely wounded and taken pris-
oner. His captivity, however, was
brief. Being a dare-devil youth of
twenty, he killed the two guards who
had been placed over him, and fled in
the night. He was obliged to creep
on his hands and knees all night on
the slopes of San Gabriel, exposed to
a fierce artillery fire.

He reached the Italian lines almost
exhausted. After receiving first aid
to the wounded he was taken to the
hospital at Udine, held securely at
that time by the Italians.

He had been there two months
when the Italian disaster occurred at
Caporetto, and he again became an
Austrian prisoner of war. He suffered
outrageous treatment, while
rigorously interned. He was sent
home when his health gave way.

Farina entered the war at eighteen
serving under Peppino Garibaldi. He
was sent to the Trentino front. Af-
terwards he was transferred to the
Isonzo, winning praise for valor, pro-
motion to lieutenant and a silver
medal.

The Austrian crisis continues to be
the leading features of foreign news.
The Italians are not only holding
their own, but are taking the offensive
most effectively and adding to the
prisoners taken. The unrest in the
Austrian capital is increasing and a
cabinet crisis is at hand. To add to
the seriousness of the situation, the
Italians are in a fair way to destroy
a large part of the Austrian army
that crossed the Piave river now swollen
beyond its banks with American
aviators destroying the pontoon
bridges. There is a good chance to
whip Austria before July 1.

Secretary of War Baker has indi-
cated in a telegram that American
soldiers will soon be fighting on the
Piave front. His message was ad-
dressed to the Roman Legion of
America which on flag day sent great-
ings to the American troops at the
front through the war department.
"There has just come to my attention
your telegram and I hasten this word
of acknowledgment and of greeting
for the message it conveys," wired
Mr. Baker.

"Before long I hope units of our
army will be placed shoulder to
shoulder with the troops of Italy who
are holding the Piave front and that
the victory eventually to be won will
be a common one for the men of Italy
and America and will be for the
dom of all the world."

Four German deserters, taken
from Berlin in two airplanes, and
reached neutral territory in Denmark.

SPENDING 5 MILLIONS DAILY

War Expenses Increase Each
Month and Prices of
Food Soar.

PROFITEERS GO UNCHECKED

Menace to Morale of Nation Seen if
Speculators Are Not Curbed Soon
—Revelations of Press Cause
Sensation.

Rome.—The war is costing Italy
\$140,000,000 a month or, in round
numbers, about \$5,000,000 a day. In
estimating the cost of the war the
expenditure incurred during the ten
months of Italy's neutrality for war
preparations as well as the money
spent during the 33 months of war up
to the end of last February are taken
into account. The estimate is only ap-
proximate, because besides the money
actually spent for war expenditure
payments made by the war office and
the admiralty for extraordinary ex-
penditure due to the war are included
in the calculation.

On the other hand the increased ex-
penditure and the payments made by
other government departments during
the period from August 1, 1914, to Feb-
ruary 28, 1918, are not taken into ac-
count. Only the expenditure of the
three ministries of war, of the navy
and of munitions is added together in
order to afford an indication of how
much the war is costing Italy.

Cost of Warfare Grows.

The total extending over a period of
two years and nine months when di-
vided into shorter periods reveals that
war expenditure is increasing. Thus,
while during the first quarter of Italy's
intervention, from June to August,
1915, \$97,400,000 were spent every
month, during the last quarter, from
December, 1917, to February, 1918, the
average monthly expenditure increased
to \$282,000,000, and it is therefore cal-
culated that at present the war is
costing Italy \$10,000,000 a day.

So far no serious attempt has been
made to improve the food situation in
Italy, which is gradually getting worse,
not so much on account of acute short-
age as of disorganized distribution and
artificial increase of prices due to the
speculations of middlemen and to ex-
tensive hoarding. Sensational revela-
tions are being made in the local press
about the profits of middlemen espe-
cially in respect to animal food. For
instance, it has been ascertained that
the lamb market has been captured by
middlemen, who are buying lambs at
12 cents a pound and selling them to
retailers at over \$1.00, with the re-
sult that the market prices of lamb
have risen to almost \$2 a pound.

Profiteers Unchecked.

Strangely enough no action has yet
been taken against the denounced mid-
dlemen while hoarding is being re-
pressed in a half-hearted way, despite
the fact that all the shops and restau-
rants raided afforded convincing proof
that cheese, fats and foodstuffs of
every description are being hidden and
sold at fancy prices. A few arrests
have been made, but the measures so
far adopted are inadequate to impose
existing conditions.

As the patience of citizens is well-
nigh exhausted, it is feared that popu-
lar dissatisfaction and resentment will
lead to disorders and thus weaken na-
tional resistance at a time when the
situation is apt to become serious owing
to an impending offensive on the
Italian front. Radical and energetic
measures are therefore imperative.

FATHER OF VICTIM ON THE CYCLOPS ENLISTS

Birmingham, Ala.—"My name
is J. P. Baggs. I am the father
of H. T. Baggs, who was one of
the boys lost on the Cyclops. I
want to do something for my
country." The speaker, a heavy-
set man wearing spectacles,
stood before one of the draft
boards as he spoke. An investi-
gation revealed that he was a
skilled mechanic. He was sent
to one of the United States ship-
yards.

MEMORIAL TO CARRIE NATION

Woman's Christian Temperance Union
Will Erect Drinking Fountain
at Wichita.

Wichita, Kan.—The Kansas Wom-
an's Christian Temperance union will
erect a drinking fountain here near
the Union station as a memorial to the
late Carrie Nation. The State asso-
ciation has voted \$1,500 to be devoted
to that purpose.

"The city commissioners have agreed
to accept the fountain in the name of
the city, and to maintain the water
supply. It was in this city that Mrs.
Nation began her nation-wide cam-
paign of saloon smashing, many years
ago."

His patriotic fervor was so em-
phatic and his physique so splendidly
developed that despite his tender
years his parents gave consent. The
boy is five feet ten inches in height,
weighs 175 pounds and is abnormally
developed.

BRITISH AIRMEN SHOW QUICK WIT

Ability to Deal With Unexpected
Situations Gives Them Superi-
ority in Air.

RAMS HUN IN AERIAL FIGHT

Young Pilot, Caught With Gun Jam-
med, Crashes Into German Craft,
Sending It Hurtling to
Earth.

Behind the British Lines in France.
—A British machine rammed a Ger-
man airplane in an aerial battle a few
days ago. The British machine after-
ward made a successful landing, but
the German machine was demolished.
The whole incident, shows the neces-
sity for an airman to develop an al-
most supernatural ability to deal with
unexpected situations. It is generally
believed one of the chief reasons for
the present German inferiority in the
air is that the average German pilot is
incapable of adjusting his mental bal-
ance in performing or anticipating the
unexpected.

In this particular contest the Ger-
man airman got his gun to bear at
point-blank range on the British pilot
in midair, the Britisher's gun being
temporarily out of action owing to a
jam.

The British machine was one of a
squadron engaged in a long distance
reconnaissance behind the German
lines. They had been heavily attacked
by a German patrol, but by splendid
runnery and superb airmanship had
driven off the Germans after downing
four of them.

Quick Wit Saves Briton.

It was while pursuing one of the
fleeing German machines that the pi-
lot's gun jammed, and he was forced
to break off his pursuit and climb up
to the shelter of his squadron until his
gun could be got into action again.
Before he could regain his altitude the
German dove down on him. The en-
emy plane came out of the heart of the
sun straight at him, so he did not see
the approach of his antagonist until
the latter's bullets came whizzing
through his wings. Glancing up, he
saw his enemy only a few yards away.

It was impossible for the British
pilot to dive or sidestep. The German
would simply have followed him down
and continued to pump in bullets at
point-blank range. Neither could he
remain on his course or a German bul-
let would surely reach him.

In a flash he summed up the situa-
tion, saw the only chance open to him,
and snatched at it instantly.
Drawing back his control lever he
sent his machine shooting upward to
meet the oncoming German. Before
the latter realized what was happen-
ing the two airplanes were in collision.

But the British pilot had so judged
things—more by luck than good man-
agement, he afterward declared—that
his undercarriage crashed into the
enemy's upper plane, tearing it clear
of the main structure.

Lands Crippled Craft Safely.

Both machines turned turtle as a
result of the tremendous impact and
nose-dived earthward, a dive from
which the German never recovered.
He went crashing completely out of
control.

The British pilot flattened out his
machine after falling 500 feet and was
able to rejoin his squadron minus his
undercarriage, but with his machine
otherwise almost undamaged.

But he had yet to land his machine
in safety, and landing an airplane
without an undercarriage is no easy
task. His comrade all got down be-
fore him and gathered in a silent
group at one corner of the aerodrome
to watch him come down. His com-
mander was so certain disaster im-
pending that he ordered an ambulance
to be got ready.

But the pilot confounded all their
fears, and thereby added greatly to his
professional reputation. He stalled
his airplane when only a few feet from
the ground—that is, he pointed its nose
upward until the forward speed was
nearly off the engine. Slowly the tail
slank downward. The rear skid touch-
ed earth and dragged along the sur-
face for a few yards. Then the air-
plane fell forward and stopped with a
jerk.

Hardly a fastening was strained, and
the pilot coolly stepped down on the
turf to receive the congratulations of
his comrades.

YOUNGEST MAN IN THE ARMY

Husky Thirteen-Year-Old Tennessee
Boy Is Corporal of In-
fantry.

Knoxville, Tenn.—A thirteen-year-
old soldier and a corporal of infantry,
perhaps the youngest enlisted man in
the United States army, is another dis-
tinction to which Knoxville can lay
claim.

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John P. White, formerly of Knoxville
and now of Moulton, Ala., is the boy.
Young White enlisted in the infantry
arm of the service about eight months
ago.

His patriotic fervor was so em-
phatic and his physique so splendidly
developed that despite his tender
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boy is five feet ten inches in height,
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